



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021
6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dave Dickason called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Dave Dickason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council members present and establishing a quorum: Peter Denmark, David Pinquoch, Tom Wagner, Victor Shen, Monty Irvin, and Dave Dickason

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, City Manager
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk
Kris Erchinger, Finance Director
Scott Korbe, Public Works Director
Holly Wells, City Attorney

Others present: Kris Knauss, Mickey Richardsson, Tyler Hickman, Jason Davis, and Russell Dick.

4. APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Tom Wagner made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Agenda

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: Move Executive Session Item to 9a.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. ORDINANCES

Introduction

A. Ordinance #03-2021 – An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Amending The Water and Wastewater Tariff And Providing for a 3.0% Increase to all rates and changes effective January 01, 2022 Plus a 5.0% Increase Effective October 01, 2022 and Providing for Automatic Annual Adjustments Effective with The First Billing Cycle Each Year Thereafter, By An Amount Equal to The Three Previous Full Year's Average Increase In The

CPI.

Scott Korbe explained that in 2006, water and sewer rates were set and in 2019, Water and Wastewater Department and the Finance Director brought forward a strategy to make up 27% deficit loss by inflation. He explained that in January 2020, Council authorized a CPI increase of 1.317% and another 5% increase in October. He stated that Council authorized CPI and rate increases for every other year. He said that the Department is hoping to create a financial base and to come up with steady increases to apply for grants that the City is monitoring. He reminded Council that the capital reserve that the City has for Water Wastewater is for improvement and replacement for end-of-life cycle. He stated that the end-of-life cycle is 50 years and the City is 15 years into the life cycle so funds have been reserved and this Ordinance will continue to assist in reserving funds.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting on September 21, 2021

SECOND: Tom Wagner

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed 5-1

6. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Res. #25-2021– A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing A Contact with Cardno to Provide Professional Consulting Services Related to Brownfield Services at the Buckner Building And Other Possible City Properties

Jim Hunt gave a brief description as to what to expect from the services from Cardno and Brownfield and gave examples of projects they've done in the past. He said it will be a good opportunity to get the ball rolling for the Buckner Building plans as it has been a priority for the City for a while and if successful, they can help with other properties within the City and City-owned properties. He answered questions from the Council.

MOTION: Tom Wagner made a motion to adopt Res. #25-2021

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed 5-1

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item was moved to 9a during the meeting)

A. Economic Development Project- Matters that, if immediately disclosed, would tend to affect the finances of the City; WMC 2.08.040(I)

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:32 pm

SECOND: Tom Wagner

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Council entered into Executive Session at 6:32

MOTION: Tom Wagner made a motion to direct the City Manager to research development at the Head of the Bay in accordance with the comprehensive plan and legislative priorities and exit out of Executive Session at 8:15 pm and resume Special Meeting.

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Council exited Executive Session and resumed Special meeting at 8:15

(Clerk's note: Monty Irvin exited the meeting at 7:06 pm)

B. Personnel- Matters that would tend to injure the reputation of a person; provided, however, that the person may request a public discussion; WMC 2.08.040(2)

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:17 pm

SECOND: Tom Wagner

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:17 pm

MOTION: Tom Wagner made a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 8:39 pm

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Council exited Executive Session and resumed Special Meeting at 8:39

MOTION: Tom Wagner made a motion to Express Council's Support for City Manager's authority to Enter into contract renewal and negotiations with Existing and proposed City directions.

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed 4-1

7. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council discussed bringing forward City Manager contract at the next regular meeting in accordance to procedures.

8. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

None

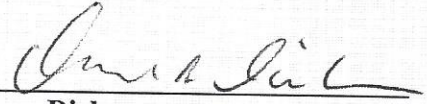
9. ADJOURNMENT

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Naelene Matsumiya'.

Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk

A cursive handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Dickason'.

Dave Dickason
Mayor